

8 August 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, USIB

SUBJECT : Secretariat Summary of USIB Agenda for 12 August

NOTES:

Departure of Mr. Hughes

State has informed us that this will be Mr. Hughes' last USIB meeting before he assumes his new duties as Deputy Chief of Mission, American Embassy, London. Mr. Hughes has been a member of USIB for nearly 6 1/2 years (28 March 1963). You may wish to express appreciation for his service to the Board and the intelligence community since that time, as well as best wishes in his new position. 25X1

Watch Report

Because of the early date of this meeting, the Watch Report will be cleared telephonically on Thursday, 14 August.

Item 1 NIE on the USSR and China

BNE draft coordinated with USIB Representatives for USIB approval;  
Sponsor - Mr. Abbot Smith

This regularly scheduled estimate was moved up from its original target date at the request of Mr. Lindsey Grant on the NSC Staff. It supersedes the estimate on Sino-Soviet relations which was issued in December 1966. BNE reports that the State representative would have preferred the deletion of paragraphs 30-36 concerning the impact of the Sino-Soviet dispute elsewhere in the world, primarily on the grounds that this section is not germane to the basic subject and deserved separate and more detailed treatment. State did, however, participate in the discussion of these paragraphs and did not indicate substantive disagreement. There are no dissents in this draft although BNE was advised Friday afternoon that DIA may have problems with paragraph 28. 25X1

This paper was widely coordinated in CIA. Within ONE there are two significant differing views from the text of Conclusion C and paragraphs 28 and 29:

S E C R E T

Item 2 SNIE on Prospects for an Embargo on Arms to Nigeria and Biafra  
BNE draft coordinated with USIB representatives for USIB approval;  
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BNE and the USIB representatives met most of today (Friday) on this SNIE which was requested for USIB consideration before 15 August by Mr. Hughes on behalf of Under Secretary Richardson.

The final draft text will be circulated late today along with a separate special annex containing SIGINT. BNE advises that there are no dissents 25X1 to this paper at the USIB representatives' level.

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Acting Executive Secretary, USIB

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